

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto
FEMA-1661-DR-VA
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 37
22 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs) thru 30 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs)

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(New or highlighted information is bold)

SUMMARY

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations: **The JFO will begin a reduced transitional staffing on 1 Dec 2006 and continue to 15 Dec 2006. A final JFO SITREP will be distributed at the time of JFO closure.**

State of Emergency and Executive Order: By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Regarding PA, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction(*) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct, three additional jurisdictions(**) were approved by FEMA on 18 Oct, and one additional jurisdiction (***) was approved on 26 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. **Current eligible jurisdictions (26) are:**

Accomack	Essex	Middlesex	Richmond (City of)
Caroline	Gloucester	Northampton	Poquoson (City of)
Charles City	Isle of Wight	Northumberland	Newport News (City)*
James City	Richmond	Westmoreland	Greensville**
King William	Surry	Mathews	King and Queen**
Lancaster	Sussex	Dinwiddie	Lunenburg**
York			King George***

Regarding IA, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following five jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

Richmond (City of)	Hampton (City of)	Gloucester
Newport News (City of)		Northumberland

WEATHER

Seven-day forecast (Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu-W): 30 Nov-6Dec 2006): Today and tonight will be partly cloudy with a high of 74 and a low of 58 with a 30% chance of rain after 1am, south winds 7-13 mph. **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with a high of 71 with 60% chance of showers and a nightly low of 37 with a 40% chance of showers, south and west winds of 7-22 mph. New rainfall amounts between 1/10 and ¼ inch. **Saturday** will be sunny and mostly clear with a high of 54 and a low of 35, north winds 5-7 mph. **Sunday** will be mostly sunny and partly cloudy with a high of 48 and low of 34. **Monday** will be mostly cloudy with a high of 51 with a 30% chance of rain, then mostly clear at night with a low of 28. **Tuesday** will be mostly sunny and clear with a high of 49 and a low of 27. **Wednesday** will be sunny with a high of 52.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison: The 26 affected jurisdictions are represented by 39 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A. Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov).

Public Information Office (PIO) VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquiries. PIO has distributed various news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and other disaster assistance program information.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering: Water Pumps (18" – 2 each and 12"-3 each), City of Richmond, operations have been transferred from VDEM to the City of Richmond as of 2400 hours, 26 November 2006. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery: **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:	Jurisdictions (65 each)	Private (30 each)	Public (62each)
	Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
	*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.		
	**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.		
	***Includes Public Service Authorities		
	State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
	Subtotal		\$ 2,793,019.55
	GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	\$55,245,604.53

State Public Assistance (PA):

Applicants' Briefings Conducted:

Week of 2- 6 Oct 2006: 2 App Briefings (6 applicants, 67 total attendance)
Week of 9-13 Oct 2006: 1 App Briefing (11 applicants, 48 total attendance)
Week of 16-20 Oct 2006: 2 App Briefings (17 applicants, 26 total attendance)

Kick-off Meetings Conducted:

Week of 2- 6 Oct 2006: 1 KO Meeting (1 applicant, 3 total attendance)
Week of 9-13 Oct 2006: 6 KO Meetings (10 applicants, 68 total attendance)
Week of 16-20 Oct 2006: 16 KO Meetings (16 applicants, 107 total attendance)
Week of 23-27 Oct 2006: 15 KO Meetings (15 applicants, 110 total attendance)
Week of 30 Oct-3 Nov 2006: 6 KO Meetings (6 applicants, 32 total attendance)
Week of 6-10 Nov 2006: 3 KO Meetings (3 applicants, 12 total attendance)
Week of 13-17 Nov 2006: 1 KO Meeting (1 applicant, 5 total attendance)

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource

documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. Deadline dates for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR was COB:

Declared 21 jurisdictions:	Fri, 20 Oct 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Mon, 6 Nov 2006
Amended three jurisdictions:	Fri, 17 Nov 2006
Amended one jurisdiction:	Sat, 25 Nov 2006

RPAs were received/approved from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(52 total)**:

A & N Electric Cooperative	* Parksley (Town of)
Accomack County	* Poquoson (Town of)
Bloxom (Town of)	Rappahannock Community College
Callao Vol Fire Dept	* Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
Cape Charles (Town of)	Richmond (City of)
Cheriton (Town of)	Richmond County
Chincoteague (Town of)	Richmond County Vol Rescue Squad
* Colonial Beach (Town of)	* Smithfield (Town of)
Colonial Beach Public Schools	* Southside Electric Cooperative
* Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Dept	Tangier (Town of)
* Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad	Tappanannock (Town of)
Gloucester County	Va Dept of Conservation & Recreation
James City County	Va Dept of Corrections
Kilmarnock (Town of)	Va Dept of Emergency Management
Kilmarnock Vol Fire Dept	Va Dept of General Services
Lancaster County	Va Dept of Mental Health
Mathews County	* Va Dept of State Police
* Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative	Va Dept of Transportation
* Melfa (Town of)	Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Middlesex County	Va Supportive Housing & FIND, Inc.
Newport News (City of)	* Wachapreague (Town of)
Northampton County	Warsaw (Town of)
Northumberland County	* Waterman's Museum
* Northern Neck Electric Cooperative	Westmoreland County
* Onancock (Town of)	York County
* Onley (Town of)	Belle Haven (Town of)...(Pending)

Note: * Exit Interview completed (16 ea).

As of COB, **29 November 2006**, a **total of 176** (current estimated projection is **251**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations.

Current Totals:	Total Amount of PWs:	\$4,368,892
	Total Eligible Fed Share:	\$3,310,024
	Total Amount Obligated:	\$2,251,029
	Total Amount Disbursed:	\$ 0

Individual Assistance:

Pursuant to the SBA disaster declaration (No. 10644) on 16 Oct 2006, four SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (city of Richmond, cities of Hampton/Newport News, Gloucester and Northumberland counties) were opened for the five SBA declared jurisdictions. These SBA Centers were inactivated at close of business (COB) on Thursday, 9 Nov 2006. **As of 27 Nov 2006 the following summary information was provided by SBA:**

Type Loan	Issued	Accepted	Approved	Dollars Approved
Home	92	40	19	\$914,100
Business	28	6	2	\$ 84,800
TOTAL	120	46	21	\$998,900

Mitigation:

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Admin Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by the SCO and submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Mr. Noah Thacker.

Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):

1. Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction
 When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)
 Where: TBD
 Attendees: TBD

2. Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings
 When: 12-13 Dec
 Where: VDEM (Trade Court)
 Attendees: All affected jurisdictions

Invitations were sent for Course E279. The invitation and registration form have also been posted on the VDEM website. **To date, the full class enrollment of 45 people have been registered. A waiting list is being maintained.**

HMGP Applicants' Briefings Conducted:

Week of 30 Oct-3 Nov 2006: 3 HMGP Briefings (19 jurisd. + Tidewater, 66 tot att.)
 Week of 6-10 Nov 2006: 1 HMGP Briefing (6 jurisdictions, 8 total attendance)

Pursuant to the HMGP Applicants' Briefings conducted, jurisdictions interested in participating in the Ernesto HMGP were apprised of the following timeline:

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| 1 Dec 2006 | One page pre-applications are due to VDEM for eligibility screening. |
| 15 Jan 2007 | Those selected eligibles will be invited to submit full HMGP applications. |
| 15 Mar 2007 | Full HMGP applications due to VDEM. |

HMGP is currently funded as 7.5% of eligible disaster recovery monies expended in response to the specific disaster. Since funding is so limited for this disaster, information on the upcoming Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program was provided. All HMGP applicants' briefings have been completed and the VDEM mitigation staff is working with the affected communities to develop mitigation projects. **Interest in HMGP is high.**

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource

VDEM JFO/Field Planning Section closes today, 30 November 2006.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:
 Administration Unit:

VDEM JFO/field staffing is **34 (Perm staff-5, Reservists-6, Contractor-23)**.
 Administrative close-down ongoing.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS

FEMA-1655-DR-VA:

PA: RPAs were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, land private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **29 November 2006**, a **total of 280** (current estimated projection is **281**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations.

Current Totals:	Total Amount of PWs:	\$7,847,116
	Total Eligible Fed Share:	\$5,945,246
	Total Amount Obligated:	\$4,656,710
	Total Amount Disbursed:	\$3,479,218.43

IA: On 12 Sept 2006 SBA issued a disaster declaration for the city of Alexandria and Fairfax County and all contiguous counties. All SBA Outreach Centers are now closed.

October (6-9) Flooding:

On 9 Oct 2006, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. On 25 Oct, pursuant to the Governor's request, the Small Business Administration issued a disaster declaration (SBA No. 10672) for the jurisdictions of City of Franklin, Isle of Wight and Southampton counties and all contiguous jurisdictions and opened SBA Disaster Outreach Centers in the City of Franklin and the Town of Smithfield. The two SBA Centers closed at COB, 16 Nov 2006.

As of COB 27 Nov 2006, the following summary information was provided by SBA for the two SBA Centers:

Type Loan	Issued	Accepted	Approved	Dollars Approved
Home	27	19	8	\$601,500
Business	4	0	0	\$ 0
TOTAL	31	19	8	\$601,500

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